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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Entrepre-
3 neurship Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

5 Section 4 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 633)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(g) MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION.—

8 “(1) PLAN FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOP-
9 MENT AND JOB CREATION STRATEGY.—The Admin-
10 istrator shall develop and submit to Congress a plan,
11 in consultation with a representative from each of
12 the agency’s entrepreneurial development programs,
13 for using the Small Business Administration’s entre-
14 preneurial development programs to create jobs dur-
15 ing fiscal years 2010 and 2011. The plan shall in-
16 clude the Administration’s plan for drawing on exist-
17 ing programs, including Small Business Develop-
18 ment Centers, Women’s Business Centers, SCORE,
19 Veterans Business Centers, Native American Out-
20 reach, and other appropriate programs. The Admin-
21 istrator shall identify a strategy for each Adminis-
22 tration region to create or retain jobs through Ad-
23 ministration programs. The Administrator shall
24 identify, in consultation with appropriate personnel
25 from entrepreneurial development programs, per-
26 formance measures and criteria, including job cre-

1 ation, job retention, and job retraining goals, to
2 evaluate the success of the Administration’s actions
3 regarding these efforts.

4 “(2) DATA COLLECTION PROCESS.—The Ad-
5 ministrator shall, after notice and opportunity for
6 comment, promulgate a rule to develop and imple-
7 ment a consistent data collection process to cover all
8 entrepreneurial development programs. Such data
9 collection process shall include data relating to job
10 creation, performance, and any other data deter-
11 mined appropriate by the Administrator with respect
12 to the Administration’s entrepreneurial development
13 programs.

14 “(3) COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT OF SBA
15 ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—
16 The Administrator shall submit annually to Con-
17 gress, in consultation with other Federal depart-
18 ments and agencies as appropriate, a report on op-
19 portunities to foster coordination, limit duplication,
20 and improve program delivery for Federal entrepre-
21 neurial development programs.

22 “(4) DATABASE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVEL-
23 OPMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS.—The Administrator
24 shall, after a period of 60 days for public comment,
25 establish a database of providers of entrepreneurial

1 development services and, make such database avail-
2 able through the Administration's Web site. The
3 database shall be searchable by industry, geography,
4 and service required.

5 “(5) COMMUNITY SPECIALIST.—The Adminis-
6 trator shall designate not less than one staff member
7 in each Administration district office as a commu-
8 nity specialist who has as their full-time responsi-
9 bility working with local entrepreneurial development
10 service providers to increase coordination with Fed-
11 eral resources. The Administrator shall develop
12 benchmarks for measuring the performance of com-
13 munity specialists under this subsection.

14 “(6) ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT POR-
15 TAL.—The Administrator shall publish a design for
16 a Web-based portal to provide comprehensive infor-
17 mation on the Administration's entrepreneurial de-
18 velopment programs. After a period of 60 days for
19 public comment, the Administrator shall establish
20 such portal and—

21 “(A) integrate under one Web portal,
22 Small Business Development Centers, Women's
23 Business Centers, SCORE, Veterans Business
24 Centers, the Administration's distance learning
25 program, and other programs as appropriate;

1 “(B) revise the Administration’s primary
2 Web site so that the Web portal described in
3 subparagraph (A) is available as a link on the
4 main Web page of the Web site;

5 “(C) increase consumer-oriented content
6 on the Administration’s Web site and focus on
7 promoting access to business solutions, includ-
8 ing marketing, financing, and human resources
9 planning;

10 “(D) establish relevant Web content aggre-
11 gated by industry segment, stage of business
12 development, level of need, and include referral
13 links to appropriate Administration services, in-
14 cluding financing, training and counseling, and
15 procurement assistance; and

16 “(E) provide style guidelines and links for
17 visitors to the Administration’s Web site to be
18 able to comment on and evaluate the materials
19 in terms of their usefulness.

20 “(7) PILOT PROGRAMS.—The Administrator
21 may not conduct any pilot program for a period of
22 greater than 3 years if the program conflicts with,
23 or uses the resources of, any of the entrepreneurial
24 development programs authorized under section

1 8(b)(1)(B), 21, 29, 32, or any other provision of this
2 Act.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 18,
2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.